

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace paragraph [0031] of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

[0031] The agonist activity on vitamin D receptors of the compounds of the invention can be likewise evaluated "in vivo" by induction of 24-hydroxylase in SKH mice. (Kang et. al., Journal of Investigative Dermatology, 1997, 108(4), 513-518). The test protocol used as well as the results obtained with the compounds according to the invention are described in example 10 of the present application.1]: